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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS ON 3-DIGIT SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE PROPOSAL

WC Docket No. 18-336

**Comment Date: February 14, 2020**

**Reply Comment Date: March 16, 2020**

On December 12, 2019, the Commission adopted the *Suicide Prevention Hotline Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.<sup>1</sup> In the *Notice*, the Commission seeks comment on its proposal to designate 988 as a simple, easy-to-remember, 3-digit dialing code for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline.<sup>2</sup> The *Notice* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days after the date of publication of a summary of the *Notice* in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup> The Federal Register published a summary of the *Notice* on January 15, 2020.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, comments will be due on or before February 14, 2020, and reply comments will be due on or before March 16, 2020. Complete filing instructions are provided in the *Notice* and in the Federal Register Notice.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WC Docket No. 18-336, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 19-128 (rel. Dec. 16, 2019) (*Notice*). The *Notice* is available on the Commission's website. See <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-19-128A1.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> *Notice* at paras. 25-32.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>4</sup> Federal Communications Commission, *Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018*, 85 Fed. Reg. 2359 (January 15, 2020) (Federal Register Notice). The Federal Register Notice can be found on the Federal Register's website. See <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/15/2019-28429/implementation-of-the-national-suicide-hotline-improvement-act-of-2018>.

<sup>5</sup> See *Notice* at para. 63 and Federal Register Notice, 85 Fed. Reg. at 2368.